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**DATE:** June 11, 2009

**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

**FROM:** A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
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**SUBJECT:** Sigma Processed Meats, Inc., a Seminole, Okla., establishment, is recalling approximately 2.68 million pounds of fully cooked ham products because they contain monosodium glutamate (MSG), and it is undeclared on the label.

**Suggested Action:** **Class III Recall;** Fully cooked ham products because they contain monosodium glutamate (MSG), and it is undeclared on the label; Recommend notification to establishments that may carry these products via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by USDA, the products being recalled may have been distributed in the State of Indiana. Sigma Processed Meats, Inc., a Seminole, Okla., establishment, is recalling approximately 2.68 million pounds of fully cooked ham products because they contain monosodium glutamate (MSG), and it is undeclared on the label. The fully cooked ham products were produced on March 1, 2009, through June 9, 2009, and were distributed to retail stores, service delis and wholesale distributors. Detail information is not available at this time. Please notify this office at 317-233-7360 if any recalled product is found.

## Recall Notification Report

**CLASS III RECALL -  
Wholesale Level**

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Sigma Processed Meats, Inc., a Seminole, Okla., establishment, is recalling approximately 2.68 million pounds of fully cooked ham products

because they contain monosodium glutamate (MSG), and it is undeclared on the label.

MSG is used as a flavor enhancer in a variety of foods prepared at home, in restaurants, and by food processors. Some persons who have eaten foods containing MSG have reported adverse reactions.

The following products are subject to recall: [View Labels]

- 12-pound, 5.5-ounce bags of "FUD, Original, Cooked Ham, and water product 40% of weight is added ingredients," packed in cases.
- 12-pound, 5.5-ounce bags of "*Sigma foods*, FUD, Original, Cooked Ham, and water product 40% of weight is added ingredients, *Si iSabe!*" packed in cases.

Each label bears the establishment number "EST. 34447" inside the USDA mark of inspection and a "Use By" date of "May 23-Sept. 7, 2009." Each case bears the identifying case code of "01106."

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The problem was discovered by the company. FSIS has received no reports of illness due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an adverse reaction should contact a physician.

Media with questions about the recall should contact company Plant Manager Jerry Karp at (405) 218-9501. Consumers with questions about the recall should call the company's Customer Service at (866) 631-6637.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.



	adverse health consequences from the use of the product.	
<b>Class III</b>	This is a situation where the use of the product will not cause adverse health consequences.	